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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>5</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in electronic form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																									
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INTERNATIONAL PATENT CLASSIFICATION (IPC) :

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 the claims:
 pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the drawings:
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 a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application

claims Nos. 53-58

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 53-58

relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

See PCT Rule 67.1.(iv) : Methods for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____

are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported
by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____

a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the sequence listing; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit:

furnish a sequence listing on paper complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

furnish a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, and such listing was not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

pay the required late furnishing fee for the furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under Rules 13ter.1(a) or (b) and 13ter.2.

a meaningful opinion could not be formed without the tables related to the sequence listings; the applicant did not, within the prescribed time limit, furnish such tables in electronic form complying with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions, and such tables were not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it.

the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in electronic form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in the Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2-3, 5-11, 16-22, 25-33, 37-43, 48-50</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 4, 12-15, 23-24, 34-36, 44-47, 51-52</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>2-3, 5-11, 16-22, 25-33, 37-43, 48-50</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1, 4, 12-15, 23-24, 34-36, 44-47, 51-52</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-52</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited documents of particular relevance:

D1: US 6248110 B1

D2: EP 1132061 A2

D1 shows a device for providing spongy bone with bone substitute, according to claim 1, with a perforating device (76, figure 5H) for making a hole in the spongy bone and with a flushing device (column 9, lines 4-7) for flushing the hole. A vacuum source (86) is provided for generating a vacuum in the hole for sucking and facilitation insertion of the bone substitute (96) into said spongy bone. D2 also shows a device according to claim 1 (see figures 2 and 6).

The device according to claim 1 therefore is known from D1 and D2. Consequently, the invention defined in claim 1 lacks novelty and inventive step.

The arrangements according to claims 4, 2-15, 23-24, 34-36, 44-47 and 51-52 are also previous known from D1 or D2. Consequently, claims 4, 12-15, 23-24, 34-36, 44-47 and 51-52 also lack novelty and inventive step.

The device and material according to claims 2-3, 5-11, 16-22, 25-33, 37-43 and 48-50 are, however, clearly distinguishable from known technique. Consequently, the invention according to claims 2-3, 5-11, 16-22, 25-33, 37-43 and 48-50 is considered novel and not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

The invention is considered to be industrially applicable.